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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 21 January 1975 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina,  
Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to circulate the attached document, entitled "Declaration of Ayacucho", signed at Lima, Peru, on 9 December 1974 by the Presidents of Bolivia, Peru and the United States of Venezuela, the Head of Government of Panama and the Special Representatives of the Heads of State of the Argentine Republic, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador, as an official document of the General Assembly under the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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ANNEX

Declaration of Ayacucho

Being assembled in the city of Lima at the invitation of the President of Peru, Major-General Juan Velasco Alvarado, to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Ayacucho, we, the Heads of State and Government of Bolivia, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and the Representatives of the Heads of State of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador, recognize the deep historical significance of that feat of arms, which was decisive in the saga of the emancipation of the American continent and which brought to its close a fundamental stage in the process of forging liberty for our peoples.

We pay tribute to the memory of the illustrious leaders who gave us a homeland and liberty as well as a striking lesson in true creative solidarity, and we offer America the example of those heroes as an incentive to the performance of the duties which fall to us today and in the future.

Ayacucho is the culmination of a great historical process to awakening to sovereignty and symbolizes the worth of our peoples and their willingness to make sacrifices. Victory was possible through the united action of all those from different parts of America who conceived and, after long and sustained effort, made a reality of the ideal of emancipation.

Accordingly, we proclaim that the Battle of Ayacucho symbolizes the unity of the peoples of Latin America in their struggle for liberation and that the commemoration of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary is a propitious occasion for stressing that Latin American union requires continuous and sustained effort towards the full attainment of the ideals of liberty, justice, sovereignty, equality and solidarity.

In accordance with the spirit which inspired that great popular movement of unification and emancipation:

WE DECLARE THAT:

Our countries achieved their political independence, but their integration into the world economy subsequently gave rise to various forms of dependence, which explain the obstacles to our economic, social and cultural development.

There is an urgent need to finish the task of emancipation by shaping our own destiny in the economic and social sphere, an undertaking which calls for development models that will ensure for our peoples an equitable share in economic and cultural life and will facilitate the full development of the American person.

The historic and essential commitment of the Latin American continent is to unite for the economic and social liberation and scientific and technological advancement of its constituent countries, and thereby to accelerate their

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integration. This unity calls for a common will to achieve objectives of general concern to its peoples, based on solidarity and on recognition of its pluralism.

In keeping with the purposes which inspired the Convocation of the Congress of Panama, we reiterate that it is only when they are united that the Latin American countries will fully carry out the mission which devolves upon them within the international community, thus contributing to world peace and security.

Latin American nationalism represents the awakening of our peoples to the depth of their being and to their true personality, which is the outcome of the mingling of blood, of the merging of cultures and of common historical, social and economic experience.

Strengthening it requires, in the present international situation, identification of the problems of the region, the finding of solutions to them which are free from any outside interference, and agreement on new forms of joint action which will promote the genuine values of our nations and prevent extraneous policies, activities and measures that presume to detract from the personality of our peoples and the sovereignty of our States from flourishing in Latin America.

We reiterate our adherence to the principles of the legal equality of States, their territorial integrity, self-determination of peoples, ideological pluralism, respect for human rights, non-intervention and international co-operation, good faith in the fulfilment of obligations, the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and the prohibition of the threat or use of force and of armed aggression of economic or financial aggression in relations between States.

We condemn and repudiate the colonial situations which still exist in Latin America and which must be promptly eradicated because they are a potential threat to peace in the region. Our efforts are pledged to the attainment of that goal.

We undertake to promote and support the building of a lasting order of international peace and co-operation and to create the conditions which will make possible the effective limitation of armaments and an end to their acquisition for offensive purposes, so that all possible resources may be devoted to the economic and social development of every country in Latin America.

We condemn the use of nuclear energy for purposes other than peaceful ones conducive to the progress and well-being of our peoples.

The creation of a society with full national decision-making powers requires an end to economic dependence through the determination and achievement of development objectives appropriate to the real needs of each of our peoples.

The full exercise of sovereignty over their own natural resources, protection of the prices of raw materials, regulation of foreign investments and control over the activities of transnational corporations are inalienable rights of our countries.

The concerted efforts of all our nations are essential in order to foster the formation and strengthening of associations of raw material producing and exporting countries, to gain for our products the most favourable terms of access to international markets, to obtain improved conditions in the transfer, creation and exchange of technologies appropriate to our special needs, to ensure the best possible regional supply of essential items, particularly food, to establish Latin American multinational corporations and to co-operate with respect to monetary matters, transport and communications, external financing and Latin American financial institutions.

Integration is the most effective instrument of development and ensures economic independence by linking national efforts to the complementarity of our economies.

The acute world economic crisis manifests the need for a resolute drive to bring about structural changes and for the establishment of a system of collective economic security which will make possible the integral development of peoples for their well-being, in a climate of stability, free from threats and coercion that might undermine it, in order to achieve a new international economic order which must be based on the equity, equality, sovereignty, interdependence, common interest and co-operation of all States.

In reaffirming the historic pledge constantly to strengthen the unity and solidarity among our peoples, we fully appreciate Bolivia's land-locked situation, which must be given the most careful consideration with a view to constructive understandings.

We declare that the union of our peoples as sister nations supports peace, justice, well-being and law as the supreme objectives of its international relations. In keeping with these fundamental principles, we solemnly undertake to act immediately and jointly through the Ministers for Foreign Affairs in any situation which might affect the peaceful coexistence among our peoples.

We shall co-operate fraternally and resolutely so that the peoples of Latin America, today a community of 300 million human beings, may combine their efforts, in the present compelling circumstances to plot their own course, free and autonomous, towards the achievement of the objectives of economic development and social justice which will bring fulfilment and dignity to the Latin American person, the sole beneficiary of the historic legacy of the emancipating actions which culminated in Ayacucho.

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